B. States which have accorded "in-principle" approval for signing of Tripartite Agreement but are yet to sign the TPA

Sl. No.	State
1.	Maharashtra
2.	Jharkhand
3.	Delhi

C. States that have not yet conveyed their consent for signing of Tripartite Agreement

Sl. No.	State
1.	Arunachal Pradesh
2.	Manipur
3.	Meghalaya
4.	Mizoram
5.	Tripura

Grant given to Tata Power and BSES

2937. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) how much grants-in aid has been given by the Government of India to Tata Power and BSES;

(b) whether this grant is given for any technological upgradation of the power sector, if so, the details of the technological upgradation plan;

(c) how much money has already been used by these companies; and

(d) how are the consumers going to benefit by the Government's grant to these companies and the details thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) No grant-in-aid has been released by the Government of India to Tata Power and BSES. However,

under the Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) projects for the State of Delhi costing to 946.46 crores have been sanctioned. These projects have to be implemented by BSES (Delhi) and Tata Power (NDPL).

The projects include various schemes for technological upgradation of the power sector covering installation of SCADA/DMS, construction of new 33 KV sub-stations, R&M of Sub-station equipments and transmission lines, installation of capacitor banks, consumer indexing, etc.

(c) No fund has been released so far to these companies. The APDRP fund shall be released to the Government of NCT, Delhi after execution of Memorandum of Agreement by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCTD) with the Ministry of Power.

(d) The benefits of these projects shall be monitored by Government of Delhi and Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) and the benefits accrued from these projects shall be passed on to the consumers through the Regulatory mechanism.

Creating momentum for change in India

2938. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether global consultant firm Mckinsey & Co. has observed in their report creating momentum for change in India, that India can save $ 12 billion by 2005 by improving efficiency in power generation and removing transmission bottlenecks and distribution breakdowns as reported in the Financial Express of 26th August, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of recommendations made; and

(c) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report has, *inter-alia*, emphasized the need for accelerating power sector reforms with emphasis on privatization especially of distribution.

(c) Power Sector Reforms are being pursued vigorously and privatization in distribution sector has also begun.